

Railroad Time-Tables

Iron Mountain Route.		
	ARRIVES	DEPARTS
Little Rock Accom.	5:30 p. m.	6:35 a. m.
Southbound	10:55 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
22 Northbound	4:50 p. m.	4:55 p. m.
Cotton Belt Route.		
Southbound	3:05 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
Southbound	3:30 a. m.	3:35 a. m.
Northbound	1:05 p. m.	1:10 p. m.
Northbound	1:35 a. m.	1:40 a. m.
ALTHEIMER BRANCH.		
Little Rock Accom.	10:40 a. m.	
Little Rock Accom.		2:35 p. m.
Pine Bluff Arkansas River Ry.		
Regular Passenger	10:10 a. m.	3:00 p. m.
Arkansas River Packet Co.		
Teamers Thursdays	12:00 m.	
" Fridays		11:00 a. m.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

President McKinley is suffering from a cold which he contracted during his trip to Canton.

BE SURE that your blood is rich and pure. The best blood purifier, enricher and vitalizer is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Be sure to **GET HOOD'S**.

The United States supreme court ruled against the state of Illinois in the Big Four railroad case.

Consul Fowler reports that riots and murders of American missionaries are frequent in China.

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Webster Davis will attend the Democratic National convention as a spectator.

Faith Healer Powie will start a large plant in the United States. As this is a new industry he is permitted to import twenty contract lace-workers without any legal restrictions.

The family that keeps on hand and uses occasionally the celebrated Prickly Ash Bitters is always a well regulated family. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Turkey has not yet replied to the United States' demand for a prompt settlement of the indemnity claims. The demand may be renewed within a day or two.

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All British subjects have been given forty-eight hours in which to get out of the Transvaal. This action is taken owing to the explosion at Johannesburg last Tuesday.

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There is lively skirmishing in the direction of Brandfort, Orange Free State, and Pretoria advises say that a big battle is near.

Indigestion is the direct cause of diseases that kill thousands of persons annually. Stop the trouble at the outset with a little Prickly Ash Bitters; it strengthens the stomach and aids digestion. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

The British are reported unusually active in the vicinity of Thaba N'Chu. They are directing their efforts to an attempt to cut off Gen. De Wet.

Gen. Botha, commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces, has returned to Pretoria.

Many so called "bitters" are not medicines, but simply liquors disguised, so as to evade the law. Prickly Ash Bitters is not one of this class. It is strictly a medicine, acting primarily on the kidneys, liver and bowels, and for the dangerous diseases that attack these organs it is a remedy of the first grade. There is nothing objectionable in its taste, it has a very agreeable flavor and is acceptable to the most delicate stomach. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

An American consul in China reports that riots and murders in the interior are numerous, and that Germany has landed marines to punish the rebellious natives.

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PET SUPERSTITIONS.

Some That Influence All Sorts of People.

Dr. Samuel Johnson would never enter a room left foot foremost; the brave Marshal Saxe screamed in terror at the sight of a cat; Peter the Great was not equal to crossing a bridge when he came to it, unless to do so was absolutely necessary; Byron shared with less famous people than he the dislike to having the salt at table spilled between him and his neighbor. A sneeze is with half the nations of the world nothing to be sneezed at. To exclaim "God bless you!" when any one sneezes in your presence is a relic of what the Roman did before us, and before him the Greek. Mohammed gives directions of the same kind to his followers, and the Hindu of today utters his pious ejaculation after the sneeze by way of prayer or good wish on behalf of the victim. Many people will avoid going under a ladder if they can get around it. The belief that if you put on your stocking the wrong side out it is lucky is very general, or was until the schoolmaster returned from abroad, and I myself remember an old woman who was convinced that turning her stocking inside out saved her from being lost when the fairies, one pitch-dark night, had misled her on a trackless English moor. What is to take the place of a lucky horseshoe when we all ride in automobiles? There is no room for the imagination in them. Some new mascot will have to be discovered. Charms of one kind or another are carried by people that have a pious contempt for heathen superstitions; a small potato, for example, to avert rheumatism, or a chestnut. The late journalist, George Augustus Sala, never traveled without carrying with him, as a lucky card, an ace of spades. Somehow it failed to save him from his creditors. But creditors are notoriously deficient in imagination. If Shylock had remembered this when he drew up his bond, "The Merchant of Venice" would never have been written.—Rochester Post-Express.

AMERICA'S FIRST GEORGE.

How He Sometimes Tried to Run Away from His Admirers.

Washington was not churlish, but he had that preference for being unobserved that develops at times into a longing in a man whose life is spent in public. He quitted the Macomb house on the morning of Aug. 30, 1790. The servants were instructed to steal away at dawn, to have the carriage and luggage over the ferry at Paulus Hook by sunrise. By candlelight, Mrs. Washington, the children and the secretaries assembled in the morning-room. The president appeared pleased with his stratagem. He was enjoying his prospect of concealed departure. Immediately under the window suddenly struck up on the still morning air the blaring, vigorous notes of an artillery band. From the highways and byways scurrying people appeared. To witness his first step outside the door a thousand goggling affectionate eyes watched. "There!" cried the general, in half-comic despair—I cannot think altogether displeased—"it's all over; we are found out. Well! well! they must have their own way." It was the "general" they waited to see, not the president. They lined the roadway from house to barge, recording every movement in observant brains. (A distinguished man can never know which of his audience is to be his biographer. It may be one of the "supers" on the stage rolling off the carpets.) The thunder of artillery could not drown the living shout that rose from the throats of the people as Washington was borne off with the rise and fall of the oars gleaming in the cheerful sun. His voice trembled as he bade the assembled crowd farewell. Though chary of appealing to it, the love of the people never failed to move him deeply.—Harper's Magazine.

The Burmese.

The Burmese will sacrifice any prospect of money-making to go to a feast. These are called pives, and often the entertainment is elaborate. I remember going to one in Upper Burma. There was a good deal of dancing, but neither the host nor his guest danced; that would have been undignified. The dancers were paid, and they twirled lazily or jumped excitedly as occasion required. Most of the time, however, was spent in chatter and smoking. Smoking is the only thing at which the Burmese are industrious. They start smoking at the early age of 3, and they smoke themselves into the next world. Girls smoke quite as assiduously as the men, and as the cigars are very big many a pretty mouth is strained to accommodate a giant cheroot.—Pall Mall Magazine.

Proportion of Soldiers to Inhabitants. France in war has 1,000 soldiers to 15,407 inhabitants; Germany in war has 1,000 soldiers to 17,427 inhabitants; Great Britain in war has 1,000 to 72,413 inhabitants, while under the house bill enacted during the late war the United States provide only 1,000 soldiers to about 791,000 inhabitants.

WINTER AND HEALTH.

Value of Cold as Tonic to Repair the Injuries of Summer.

Many persons regard the winter season as an unfortunate visitation. It is considered both uncomfortable to the body and harmful to health. This is an error. Cold is a most potent agent for the restoration and preservation of normal activity on the part of the organs of the human body. It is a wise plan of Providence which gives us a change of seasons. The winter cold comes as a tonic to repair the injuries done by the enervating heat of summer. Summer, it is true, has many uses in the matter of health. It induces outdoor life, rids the system of poisons through copious perspiration, and through the scorching rays of the sun destroys germ life. Winter is the greater bracer of the system. It stimulates activity in every organ. When cold attacks the surface of the body, the blood is set into more free circulation as a means of bodily warmth. It is through the circulation of the blood that the human anatomy is kept in a state of repair. When the food has been digested and converted into liquid form, it is taken up by the blood and carried the rounds of the system for the purpose of repairing the waste places. When the cold causes increased circulation, it also brings about more perfect nutrition. Through the excessive demand for nutrient matter which quickened circulation causes there is improved digestion. The entire repair machinery is stimulated to renewed industry. The wintry air, as is well known, brings with it a sense of renewed strength and vitality. The restorative power of cold is well illustrated in the case of the dash of cold water in the face of a fainting person. When a person is in a faint there is a practical suspense of life for the time, yet an application of cold water to the face promptly restores circulation and renews life. This same fact is illustrated by the cold face bath on rising from bed in the morning. The Indians who, if not now, in former days roamed our western borders, practically without clothing to shelter their bodies, became, through long exposure, so insured to the cold that it gave them but little discomfort.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SAILOR'S SUPERSTITION.

Some of the Things That Bring Bad Luck to a Ship.

Pets are believed to bring good luck, and when, in the recent war with Spain, a man was struck and killed by a bursting shell on the Texas, all the sailors in the fleet said it was because the battleship was without a mascot. The cat has a bad reputation among seafaring men, most of whom believe that she brings ill-luck to a ship. If a cat falls overboard and is drowned (she is always rescued if possible), the men will often leave at the next port, believing the ship is doomed, and I have heard men-of-war men cite the case of the old Kearsarge as proof thereof. On her last voyage the frigate carried a cat and a monkey. A violent feud existed between them, and on their way north, one dark and stormy night, Jocko threw poor Tom overboard, running along the rail and chattering like a fiend as the unfortunate pet disappeared in the boiling waves. The seas were running too high to admit of launching a boat, and puss was left to a watery grave, but not without many gloomy forebodings, which were realized soon afterwards, when the Kearsarge stranded on the fatal reef. To fall down without any apparent cause is a warning of death in the immediate future. An American cruiser was lying off Nice a few years ago, when a seaman fell prone on the deck. Upon rising, he went to his bunk, and, returning, placed a slip of paper bearing his mother's address in the hand of a messmate, saying he did not expect to see home again. For the nose to bleed only a few drops is believed in the navy to foretell death in as many days or weeks as there are drops of blood. You may hear a sailor sing at sea, but he rarely whistles; whistling is supposed to bring a hurricane, and is always hushed by the remark, "There's a hurricane sailor here."—Self-Culture.

A Big Price for Stirrups.

A pair of iron stirrups were sold for \$15,000 at the Forman sale in London. They were made for Matthias Corvinus, king of Hungary, and are partly plated with silver, parcel gilt and chased, each of the outer edges having an exquisite border of translucent cloisonne enamel on gold, six inches high and six inches wide. The work is Italian of the end of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Spaniards Good Map Makers.

"The Spanish engineer officers were among the best mapmakers I ever saw in my life," said Capt. Stephen O'Connor, who has recently returned from the Philippines. Their maps of Luzon were perfect, and I never saw any that excelled them. Every road, stream and hamlet appeared on these maps, and not only this, but the plotting was exact. I do not know that at any time in my life I have found maps to excel these.

Queer Devices for Use in Warfare.

Now while war is going on the prolific brain of the inventor is busy devising ways in which to speedily annihilate the enemy. One ingenious individual, an Englishman, suggests a mist or fog ball with which to envelop an antagonist in impenetrable darkness. The balls are easily broken spheres, containing ammonia and acids, which, on escaping, create a very dense fog, wrapping everything near it in a haze until blown away by the wind! He argues that this would be a most efficacious method of preventing the Boers from aiming at English troops. Another proposes to blind the foe by firing into their midst bullets filled with pepper—thus doing a double good work, both disabling the enemy and increasing the consumption of our colonial produce.

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